

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 28, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Vivianne G. Marcotte, Chairperson at 7:00 pm. Also in attendance were Nancy Batchelder, Ralph Fatello, Ellen Goethel, Bonnie Thimble and Peter Tilton Jr. Alternate attending was Dr. Ralph Falk. Absent was Daniel Gangai and Alternate Fred Palazzolo.

The Minutes of August 24, 1999 were reviewed. Ms. Batchelder motioned to approve the Minutes with corrections noted, seconded by Ms. Goethel. All were in favor.

NH WETLAND BUREAU APPLICATIONS

A Marcotte
1016 Ocean Blvd.

This application is for the demolition of existing building in need of much repair and the construction of a new building with less sealed surface in the first 50 feet of buffer. Ms. Marcotte stepped down as Chair during this discussion and Ms. Batchelder stepped in as Chair. This is also for a Special Permit. This is for a new home within the 50 ft. buffer. All RA zoning requirements will be met. The existing sea wall is the wetland boundary. A site walk was done. Mr. Fatello motioned to agree to the Special Permit with notification of start and finish of construction. Ms. Goethel seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SPECIAL PERMIT

A. Marcotte
1016 Ocean Blvd.

Please see above.

B. Woodland Estate of Hampton LLC
Woodland Rd.

Mark West of West Environmental, addressed the Commission. A site walk was done. This Special Permit is for an 18 lot subdivision. (12 acres) The size of the houses are to be approximately 28 x 38. Ms. Marcotte was concerned with lots 10, 13 & 9. Mr. West stated that the corner of lots 10 and 13 were on the buffer line. There would be a temporary impact during construction. Ms. Marcotte stated that she would like to see the plan reconfigured and eliminate a lot or two. Mr. Fatello

SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS (cont)

B. Woodland Estates of Hampton (cont)

also had concerns with lots 14, 5, 6, 7, 12 & 13 because of the wild life habitat impact, especially the woodcock. The loss of the habitat for the woodcock is a major concern for Mr. Fatello. Mr. Tilton and Dr. Falk also concurred with Mr. Fatello on the loss of the habitat. Mr. Fatello also stated that the Selectmen voted for a sewer moratorium. Mr. Tilton is concerned with the wildlife issue and perhaps combining a few of the lots. Ms. Goethel would like to see lots 10 & 13 combined. Ms. Marcotte said that the Commission could not send a positive recommendation to the Planning Board as it is presented now and asked if they preferred to come back with a new plan or send this recommendation. Mr. West will contact the owner to see if they would like to reconfigure the plans and present again at our next meeting on October 26, 1999.

C. Playhouse Village Development LLC
357 Winnacunnet Rd

This Special Permit is for the construction of a road crossing the 50 ft. buffer for a 25 lot development. Mr. Chagnon, Engineer for the project, and Adele Fiorelli, a Professional Soil Scientist from NH Soils, addressed the Commission. Mr. Michael Wakeen was also in attendance. A discussion ensued on the road in the buffer. This is a new plan submitted on this land. Access through Penniman Lane was not feasible on the prior plan. A new drainage plan is proposed to run into the detention pond. A discussion ensued on soil and water drainage. Ms. Marcotte stated that the road can curve around the 50 ft. buffer and perhaps would not need the Special Permit. A discussion ensued on the road and the Ordinance. It was the consensus of the Commission to see a reconfiguration of the road not impacting the bufer. Ms. Marcotte said that the Commission could not send a positive recommendation to the Planning Board as it is presented now and asked if Mr. Chagnon would like to come back with a new plan. Mr. Chagnon stated he will be back to show the road curve and stay out of the buffer.

WETLAND BUREAU ACTIONS

- A. Goldie Realty Trust
813 Ocean Blvd.

The permit was granted.

- B. Hurrell
2 Beach Plum Way

The permit was granted.

- C. Starks
King's Highway

The permit was granted.

PLANNING BOARD REFERRALS

- A. Playhouse Village Development LLC
Winnacunnet Rd

Please see page 2 of these Minutes.

- B. Seacoast Crossroads
27 Exeter Rd

This referral is for a 114 seat restaurant and was reduced in size. There is no impact to the wetland or buffer. Ms. Marcotte will notify the Planning Board of no impact.

- C. Lemerise
Exeter Rd & Heritage Dr

This is for a one lot subdivision. There is no wetland. Ms. Goethel stated that there is no jurisdiction and no comment. All agreed. Ms. Marcotte will notify the Planning Board.

PROJECT SERVE

Julia Peterson of University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension addressed the Commission. She is the coordinator for the Eastern part of the State working with High School students learn about easements, and water resources. Project Serve is Students for Environmental Resources Volunteerism and Education. The students work with the Conservation Commissions with a Commissioner as a mentor. They work on a project

PROJECT SERVE (cont)

selected for them and follow it through to the end. They then present their report to the Commission. Julia has two high school seniors selected. Ms. Marcotte thought that the students could be involved with the marking of the conservation land. Another possibility might be to work with Mike Morrison on the salt marsh restoration. Ms. Marcotte will contact Mike Morrison and then contact Ms. Peterson to set up the initial date of the start of the project. The length of the project is 40 hours or one quarter credit. Ms. Marcotte thanked Ms. Peterson for addressing the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Lifewise Community Projects
(groundwater demonstrations)

Ms. Goethel will call the schools, to set up demonstrations.

B. Received New Hampshire Estuaries Project grant for Charles St. Stormwater Management.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Membership

Dr. Ralph Falk was voted in by the Selectmen for serving as Alternate and is waiting for letter and needs to be sworn in. The Commissioners welcomed him. Ms. Marcotte passed out new membership rosters and read a letter from Colleen Prescott stating that she was withdrawing her request for appointment to the Conservation Commission. Ms. Marcotte sent her a letter of "thanks" for considering to join us and perhaps she might reconsider at some later date.

B. Victory Garden

Ms. Thimble stated that the garden is now closed. Ms. Thimble gave a brief update on the cooperage and it is now on conservation land.

C. Island Path Project

Ms. Marcotte spoke to the Town Attorney regarding this project. Per the Attorney the plan is to be sent to the Selectmen and then put to Town Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS (cont)

C. Island Path Project (cont)

Either the Selectmen or our Commission will be presenting the warrant article at Town Meeting.

D. Citizens for NH Land & Community Heritage

Will be co-sponsoring a slide show with the Conservation Commission on Wednesday, October 20, 1999 at 7:00 pm at the Lane Library. The Commission will be responsible for refreshments.

F. Local Inventory of Important National & Cultural Resources. The list must be prioritized. The Commissioners started to go down this list and will finish this list at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Workshops, Brochures and Seminars were reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As the Treasurer's Report was not received in time for this meeting, it will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Selectmen's Room. The site walk is scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 1999 meeting in the Town Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Tilton motioned to adjourn at 10:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Fatello. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Launi
Secretary